



Date: August 5, 2005
To: Gerald R. Miller, City Manager
From: Katherine Parsons, Public Information Officer
For: Mayor and Members of the City Council
Subject: City Report For Week Ending August 5, 2005

This *City Report* highlights various activities for the week ending August 5, 2005. I hope you will find this information useful. Please feel free to contact my staff should you have any questions.

MAJOR WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Public Works, Environmental Services

Although there was a temporary Refuse Collection staff shortage this week, City employees, demonstrating the City's motto *Working Together To Serve*, made every effort to collect refuse and recycling on scheduled collection days ensuring minimal disruption in service. Special collections scheduled for this week will be handled on Saturday, August 6.

Other City Departments and Bureaus provided support and manpower during the week to ensure collection service. Public Works provided approximately 25 employees, 15 from Fleet Services, and 10 from Engineering; Long Beach Energy provided two employees; and Parks, Recreation and Marine provided assistance as needed. The employees drove automated side loaders or worked as helpers on the rear loaders.

Public Works, Environmental Services, Fleet Services

Due to an Arizona LNG refinery problem, the City was temporarily short on LNG fuel. Consequently, residents and businesses were notified that there would be no street sweeping on Thursday, August 4. All services resumed on Friday, August 5. In July 2002, the City was mandated by the SCAQMD to purchase alternative fuel street sweepers. The City has a fleet of 20 LNG street sweepers.

Parks, Recreation and Marine, Maintenance Operations Bureau

Culminating the Annual Long Beach Golf Festival, the Long Beach Open was held at Skylinks and El Dorado Park Golf Courses on July 28-31 with 312 participants, including 300 professional and 12 amateur athletes. Peter Tomasulu of Long Beach won the event; John Merrick of Long Beach finished in second place; and Dan Buchner of Newport Beach, Brian Hughes of Centralia, Washington, and Brian Miller of El Cajon tied for third place.

During the Festival \$6,300 was raised for the Assistance League of Long Beach and \$5,000 for the California State University, Long Beach golf teams. In addition, various goods and services were donated to other charity golf tournaments and community fund-raising events.

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MAJOR WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Police

Twenty-one members of the Cambodian community graduated from the Third Cambodian Community Police Academy on July 28. The entire Academy was instructed in Khmer. The Police Department has developed partnerships and strengthened relationships in the Cambodian community as a result of this effort.

Health and Human Services

On August 2, 29 Long Beach residents graduated from Healthy Homes Promotora Training Academy to become Health Advocates. The objective of this comprehensive training program was to increase knowledge and awareness of environmental health hazards.

Health and Human Services

A Community Partnership for the Strategic Plan to End Homelessness in 10 Years has been formed to discuss, identify, and create solutions to end the problems of homelessness in Long Beach. The Community Partnership consists of a 20-person Steering Committee, comprised of community stakeholders committed to the issue of ending homelessness. The Partnership will formulate the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness, which will be presented to the Mayor and City Council upon completion. Additionally, a 35-member Working Group, consisting of community representatives, will identify critical information related to homelessness in Long Beach and present this information to the Steering Committee. The first of a series of Working Group Committee meetings began on August 3. Community focus group meetings will be held in September and will be open to the public.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROJECTS

City Manager

The City of Long Beach would like to invite the community to participate in the development of the City's Fiscal Year 2006 Budget and is holding a series of public meetings in Council Chambers, 333 West Ocean Blvd., to hear the community's comments. The August meetings will be held on:

August 9, 2005, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

City Council Budget Oversight Committee

August 16, 2005, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

City Council Budget Workshop

August 23, 2005, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

City Council Joint Budget Oversight Committee and Budget Workshop

August 23, 2005, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

City Council Budget Hearing

For more information on the 06 Budget, please visit www.longbeach.gov.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROJECTS

Community Development, Neighborhood Services

Housing Services Bureau Manager Beth Stochl will talk about housing services available in Long Beach at a workshop sponsored by the Neighborhood Resource Center (NRC). The workshop will be held on **August 10**, 6:00 p.m. at the NRC, 425 Atlantic Ave. For more information, please call 570.1010.

Community Development, Project Development Bureau

The development teams that responded to the recent joint Request for Proposals to revitalize City Hall East and Other Sites along the Long Beach Boulevard Corridor between 1st Street and 3rd Street will present their proposals at a public meeting on **August 15**. The RFP was issued jointly by the City of Long Beach and the Redevelopment Agency. For information call 570.6480.

Parks, Recreation and Marine, Maintenance Operations Bureau

The Sun and Surf Soccer Tournament will be held on **August 6-8** and **August 13-15**. This is an international soccer tournament with 300 soccer teams using Heartwell Park, El Dorado Park, and the El Dorado Regional Park archery range for fields. During the first weekend, 146 teams will be playing citywide. Teams come from the region and from countries including Taiwan, Canada, and China.

Parks, Recreation and Marine

The Long Beach Sea Festival, a two-month series of exciting summer events in Long Beach, resumes this weekend with two events, the ESPN X-Games Wakeboarding competition, and the Kiteboarding and Boardercross Challenge.

The X-Games Wakeboarding contest will be held at Marine Stadium on **Saturday, August 6**, from 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. The event is free to spectators. This is the fourth consecutive year Long Beach has hosted the event.

Kites and windsurfing are combined in the unique Kiteboarding Expo and Boardercross Challenge. Demonstrations of this colorful sport can be seen on **Saturday, August 6**, and **Sunday, August 7**, from 10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at the Granada Ave. Launch Ramp, 5101 East Ocean Blvd. For more information on all Long Beach Sea Festival events, visit www.longbeach.gov.

AWARDS

Police

The Police Athletic League's (PAL) Karate team competed in traditional forms, open forms, weapons, and sparring at the Long Beach Kempo International Karate Tournament held at the Long Beach Convention Center. The team earned nine First Place wins and 22 trophies. They will be competing again on August 20 in Anaheim. For information on upcoming competitions, please call 570.1383.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Police

Vice Detectives conducted a Prostitution Abatement Program operation, which resulted in four felony and two misdemeanor arrests.

Police Recruit Academy Class #81 is in week ten of a 27-week session. The Academy started in June with 60 recruits and currently has 55.

NEIGHBORHOODS

Parks, Recreation and Marine, Planning and Development Bureau

Planting has been completed at the Atlantic Avenue median landscaping project, between Roosevelt Avenue and San Antonio Drive.

Parks, Recreation and Marine, Community Enrichment Programs Bureau

On August 4, 50 children participated in a *Rancho Hospitality* workshop at Rancho Los Cerritos. The children toured the dining room, then made "papel picado" decorations, paper flowers, and shell instruments. They played popular 19th century games and also made and enjoyed fresh tortillas.

Parks, Recreation and Marine, Community Recreation Programs Bureau

During the week of August 1, 210 youth from the Bayshore Junior Aquatics, Belmont, and Leeway Camps went on a field trip to the California Science Center.

On August 3, 29 youth from the Summer Fun Days, and the teen programs at Cesar E. Chavez and 14th Street Parks, cheered on the Long Beach Armada baseball team at Blair Field.

During the week of August 4, in cooperation with International City Theatre, the Department hosted a theatrical performance entitled, *Imagination Machine*, with over 350 youth in attendance.

On August 5, a total of 33 children from the Summer Fun Days Program at Cesar E. Chavez and 14th Street Parks had the opportunity to learn about fish and to feed sharks at the Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific.

Community Development, Neighborhood Services Bureau

Staff organized *Brooms Across 7th Street Cleanup* event on July 30. Approximately 145 volunteers from the Substance Abuse Foundation, the Flossie Lewis House, the 2005 Neighborhood Leadership Program, and other neighborhood associations cleaned up 7th Street from the 710 Freeway to Redondo Avenue. The volunteers removed trash and weeds, and collected 30 abandoned shopping carts. The efforts resulted in the filling of two industrial size dumpsters.

NEIGHBORHOODS

Police and Community Development, Neighborhood Services Bureau

On July 21, Wrigley Community Police Center staff hosted the first *Raising a Reader* orientation. Seven parents and their 14 pre-school children from the South Wrigley Neighborhood Improvement Strategy Area signed up to participate in the 12-week program designed to encourage parents to read to their children. This program is a collaborative effort between the Wrigley Community Police Center, LaFayette Elementary School, South Wrigley resident volunteers and the Long Beach Public Library Foundation.

Community Development and Public Works

August 2 was the first day of work for 16 young people who will be replacing sidewalks and curbs in the Washington Neighborhood Improvement Strategy Area near the 14th Street Park. The individuals, ranging in age from 16 to 19, will learn basic masonry skills as well as good work habits. This is the third year that the Neighborhood Services Bureau has organized a summer sidewalk program. This project is in collaboration with the Workforce Development Bureau, the Department of Public Works and the Neighborhood Services Bureau.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Parks, Recreation and Marine, Special Events and Filming Bureau

The Samoan Festival, Tafesilafa'i, with an estimated attendance of 1, 000 per day, was held in the Marina Green Park from July 29 through July 31.

The 2005 Sea Festival's Dragon Boat Races, with an estimated attendance of 2,000, was held in the Long Beach Marine Stadium on July 30 and July 31.

The Velo Allegro UPS Criterium bicycle race, with an estimated attendance of 500, was held on the streets of Long Beach on July 31.

Touchstone Television, with a cast and a crew of 75, filmed a TV production *Night Stalker* on August 3 at CSULB.

OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE

Public Works Department, Fleet Services Bureau

Last week, in a surprise level one audit, the California Air Resources Board checked Fleets records regarding opacity tests (smoke tests) performed on all diesel equipment in excess of 6000 lbs. Fleet was found to be in compliance.

The request for towing in July was 2,097. The Towing Section continues to provide support to the LBPD.

The Lien Sales Division sent more than 100 vehicles to Fire Training for Fire Academy use. This program continues to provide Fire Academy Recruits with opportunities to learn extrication procedures at no expense to the Fire Department.

OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE

Long Beach Energy

The Gas Services Bureau completed a total of 3,126 service calls. This total included 1,019 Gas and Water Utility Turn Ons, and 813 Turn Offs. During this period, 980 Customer Service Orders were completed for services that included lighting pilots, adjusting and inspecting appliances, completing fumigation orders, and verifying read orders. A total of 314 meter maintenance and billing-related orders were completed. In addition, Gas Control/Dispatch (24/7 operation) received 392 emergency phone calls that resulted in 88 emergency orders being sent out.

Public Works Street Improvements

Contact: Public Works, 570-5160

La Perla Ave.	El Mirador Ave. to El Cedral St.
College Circle	Atherton frontage full circle
Keynote St.	Rutgers Ave. to Bellflower frontage
Maine Ave.	Spring St. to 31st St.
Freeland St.	California St. to Cerritos Ave.
Scott St.	Rahn Ave. to Long Beach Blvd.
Shipway Ave.	Los Santo Dr. to Point North of Los Santo Dr.
Orange Ave.	11th street to point North of 11th St.
17th St.	Long Beach Blvd. to Linden Ave.
Freeman Ave.	8th St. to 10th St.
Eucalyptus Ave.	20th St. to Hill St.

Estimated completion: October 2005

Atlantic Ave. Roosevelt to San Antonio

Estimated completion: August 2005

Orange Ave. Spring St. to 405 Freeway

Estimated Completion: September 2005

Public Works, Storm Drain Improvements, Traffic Signal Conduit

Contact: Public Works, 570-5160

Anaheim St. San Francisco Ave. to Ximeno Ave.

Estimated Completion: August 2005

Long Beach Energy, Installation of Gas Lines

Contact: Long Beach Energy, 570-2085

Temple Ave.	3rd St. to 4th St.
De Soto St.	Molino Ave. to Temple Ave.
Colorado Pl.	Colorado St. to 3rd St.

Estimated completion: September 5, 2005

2nd St. Kennebec Ave. to Orizaba Ave.

Estimated completion: September 23, 2005

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OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE

Long Beach Energy, Installation of Gas Pipes

Contact: Long Beach Energy, 570-2085

Wardlow Rd. Maine Ave. to Magnolia Ave.

Del Amo Blvd. Long Beach Blvd. to Locust Ave.

Estimated completion: August 2005

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